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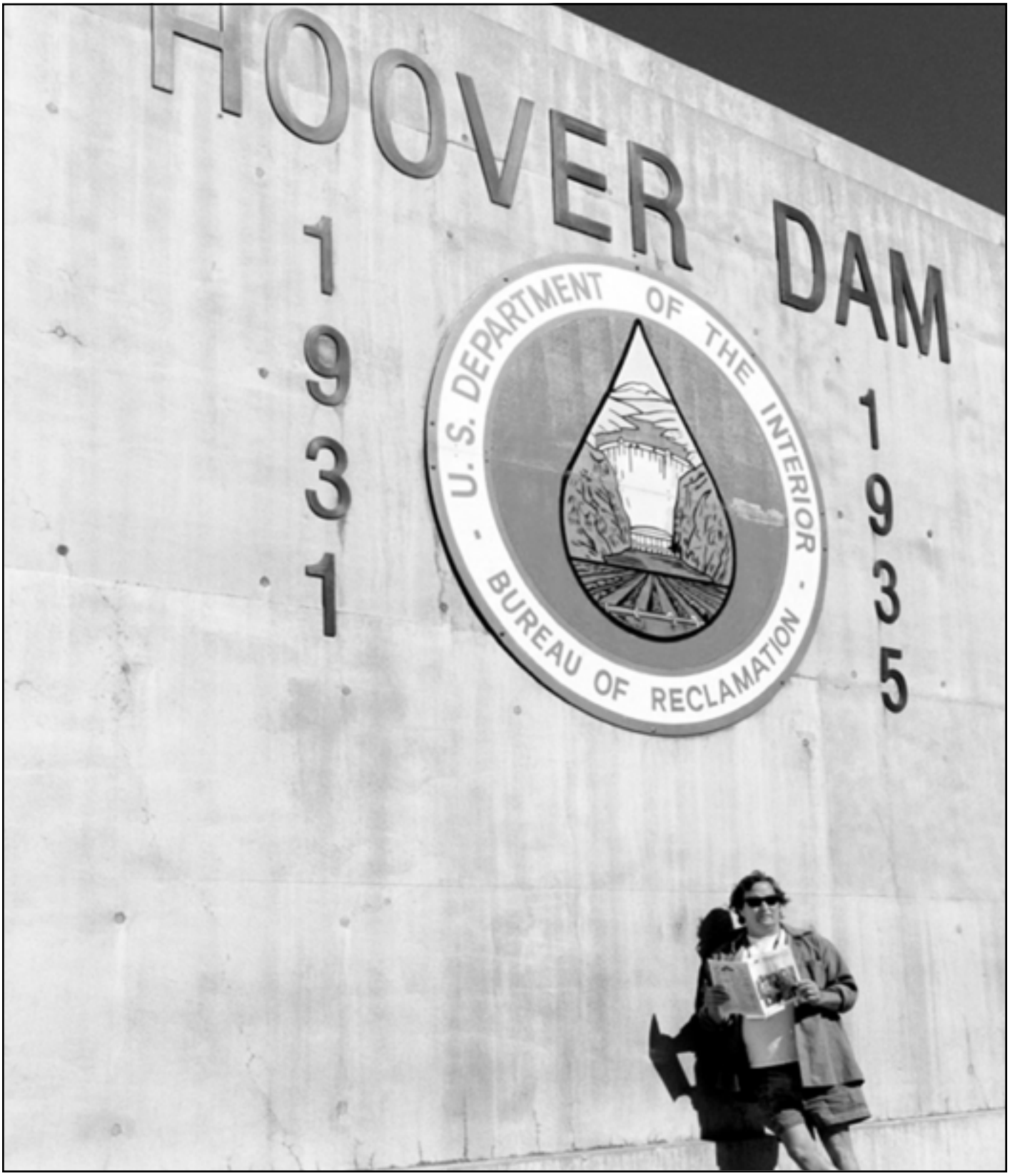

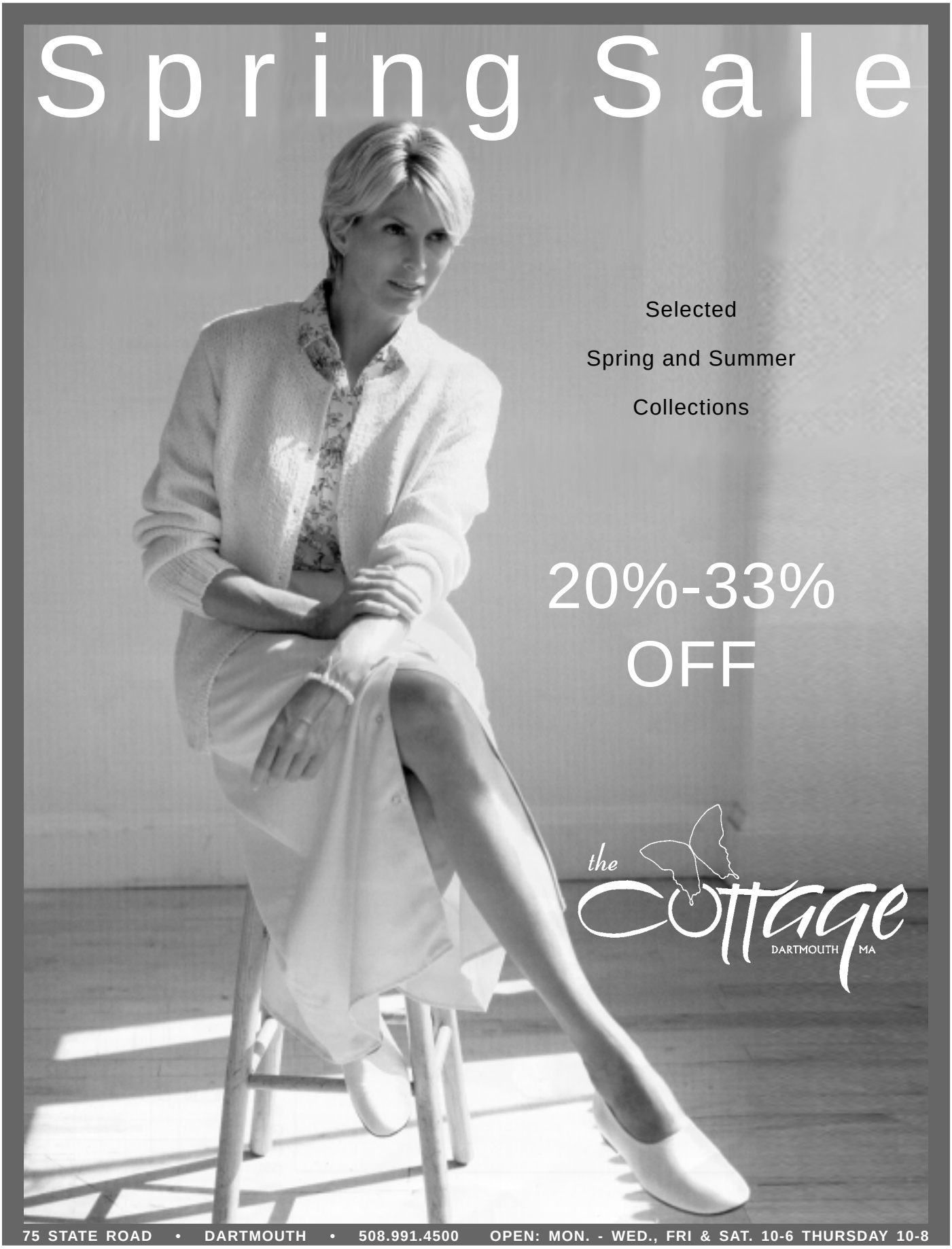
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Above: *Nicole Cameron of Mattapoisett will be running in Monday's Boston Marathon under the sponsorship of the Mattapoisett Lions Club's "Run Into the Light" program which raises money for eye research. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

Above: *Students at Old Hammondtown School in Mattapoisett performed classic educational numbers from vintage Saturday morning cartoons in a production titled "School House Rock Jr." which was staged for three different audiences on Monday, April 9 at the school. Pictured here performing the infectious classic "A Noun is a Person, Place or Thing" is Dori Ashley Shute (far right) and her "noun" choir: Colin Bono, John Coucci, Erin Coulter, and Lauren Surprenant. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

On the cover: *Photographer and Mattapoisett resident Tim Sylvia was recently on location in Las Vegas and took time out to pose with his favorite publication,* The Wanderer. *Tim was in Las Vegas to shoot a ski catalog at the Ski Industry Association trade show. He's pictured here at the famous Hoover Dam with an interesting bit of reading material. We've got a bunch of similar "Wanderer World Traveler" photos in this edition on a two-page spread (pages 32 and 33) this week! All those who submitted published photos can pick up a complimentary Wanderer coffee mug at our Mattapoisett office ... and we continue to encourage vacationers to take along our newspaper as they travel to unique and famous places in the coming summer months and submit their pics for publication! (Photo courtesy of Tim Sylvia).*

Mattapoisett Marathoner

Lions Club Sponsors Runner

The Mattapoisett Lions Club is pleased to announce that it will sponsor Nicole Cameron, a Mattapoisett resident, as its "Run Into The Light" athlete in the 2001 Boston Marathon to be held on Monday, April 16. A first-time runner in this year's renowned event, Nicole said she had planned on entering the prestigious race before the Lions Club approached her about the

2 - Above: *Two dogs are now available for adoption through the Rochester Animal Control department. The first (top) a chocolate-colored Weimaraner male was found abandoned in Rochester and may be adopted by calling Janice Look at 508-763-5748. The other (bottom), a female black and white Husky mix female, is available by calling Rochester ACO Robin Prezner at 508-763-5326. Both dogs are very friendly and would make a perfect family pet! (Photos by Kenneth J. Souza).*

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sponsorship.

"I had planned on running prior to them approaching me ... my father is a member and they asked if he knew anyone running in the Boston Marathon," she said. "I've been running as a hobby ... I'm just hoping to finish and feel good. I'd like to be able to walk the next day!"

The Mattapoisett Lions Club is part of a statewide Lions effort called "Run Into The Light" which raises funds for eye research. Club members as well as Nicole will be accepting pledges from the community in support of the Lions fight against blindness, which has been ongoing since 1925. In our state alone, the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Foundation has provided over $12 million to prevent blindness.

Nicole is part of a team of runners adopted by Lions Clubs throughout the state. You may have seen her recently in the successful run of the New Bedford Half Marathon. Expect to see her training on the streets of Mattapoisett prior to the 26.2-mile marathon, and when you do, be sure to give her a wave of encouragement. If you would like to pledge your support to this effort, you can contact Nicole or any member of the Mattapoisett Lions Club.

Nicole seems optimistic about the big race on Monday, and she'll have to be up bright and early to make the 8:00 am registration time and the 12:00 noon starting gun.

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"Finishing a marathon is something that most runners only dream of," she said. "I'm hoping just to finish and raise money for a great cause."

If you would like to mail a pledge, you can send it to the local "Run Into The Light" Chairman, Ron Ellis, P.O. Box 1677, Mattapoisett, MA 02739-0430. Please make your checks payable to "MLERF" (Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Foundation). Feel free to call Ron with any questions you have about the program (508-758-3311). Your support is appreciated.

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for their eighth annual "Wanderer Keel Awards." The yearly honor — which is presented to one resident from each of the three central towns in our circulation area — will be announced in our May 25, 2001 issue and each winner will be the subject of a short feature highlighting their contributions to the local community. But *The Wanderer* needs your help in selecting these "unsung heroes."

The requirements are simple. Nominees must be legal residents of Mattapoisett, Marion, or Rochester (at least five years), and must have contributed in some way to the overall benefit of the community — either directly to town residents, or indirectly through efforts in promoting town activities, or working to keep the wheels of local government well-oiled. The only restriction is that these persons *cannot benefit from their efforts in any other way* — either financially or politically (hence, sitting elected officials are not eligible).

In doing this, we hope to applaud those who are rarely recognized for their countless hours of service and focus on the many people "behind the scenes" who remain otherwise anonymous but provide crucial support to many town functions. Like the keel of a ship which keeps the vessel from capsizing, the recipients of the Annual Wanderer Keel Award will be recognized for their stalwart efforts in keeping the community on an "even keel."

Past recipients of this honor have been:

• MATTAPOISETT - Maurice "Mudgie" Tavares (1994); Priscilla Alden Hathaway (1995); Norma Holt (1996); Gale Hudson (1997); Kenneth Stickney (1998); Clara Morgan (1999); Betty and Bert Theriault (2000).

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Please send the name, address and telephone number of recommended nominees, along with a short description of their key contributions to the community to: Keel Award, *The Wanderer,* P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The deadline for nominations is **Monday, May 21 at 3:00 pm**. Recipients will be contacted by telephone on Tuesday, May 22 prior to being announced in the May 25 issue. Staff members of *The Wanderer* and employees of Wanderer Communications are not eligible for consideration.

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Mattapoisett Special Town Meeting

April 9, 2001

By Kenneth J. Souza

A Special Town Meeting in the Town of Mattapoisett was called to order by Moderator William Blasdale at 7:07 pm in the auditorium of Old Rochester Regional High School having noted the presence of a quorum. After Mr. Blasdale introduced the town officials seated with him on stage and reviewed the basic procedures and ground rules for Town Meeting, the estimated 95 voters considered the first of 13 articles on the warrant.

Under ARTICLE 1, voters were asked to transfer $20,000 from available Free Cash into the town's Reserve Fund. According to Finance Committee (FinCom) Chairman pro tem Jean Twoomey, the Reserve Fund is set aside to cover any unforeseen expenses that may arise.

When asked how much available Free Cash the town has, Mr. Blasdale noted that if all articles pass tonight's Special Town Meeting, it will leave a balance of $621,154 in Free Cash for the Annual Town Meeting in May. Article 1 was approved via unanimous vote.

Under ARTICLE 2, voters were asked to transfer $30,000 from Free Cash into the town's Stabilization Fund. According to Ms. Twoomey, this account differs from the Reserve Fund in that "in order for us to use the money ... it requires a two-thirds vote of Town Meeting to appropriate." Money is the Stabilization Fund is generally earmarked for bigger-ticketed items and cannot be

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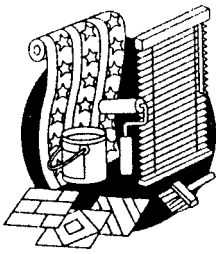

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appropriated without voter approval. Article 2 was approved via unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 3 asked voters to appropriate a total of $16,525.87 to cover unpaid bills from Fiscal Year 2000, including $15,950.87 for Town Counsel and $575 for Schools. Resident Cindy Johnson asked why Town Counsel was being paid another $15,000 over the $35,000 budgeted for this fiscal year.

"This line item is for all departments, not just the Board of Selectmen," explained Town Accountant Judy Mooney. "It's police, it's fire, it's Board of Appeals. There are (also) three pending litigations ... the $15,000 is about 24 percent Board of Selectmen; 16 percent Water/Sewer; 15 percent Highway; 14 percent Board of Appeals; 7

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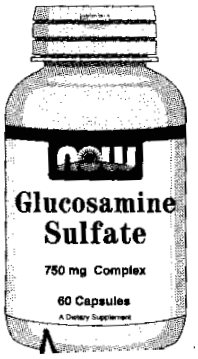

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"No disrespect, but we're talking about a $35,000 (legal) budget approved (last year) and we're $16,000 over ... that's significant," said Ms. Johnson.

Article 3 was approved via majority vote, 84 to 8.

Under ARTICLE 4, voters were asked to appropriate a total $64,665 transfer from Free Cash to pay Supplemental Budgets for FY 2001. Town Meeting voters placed several "holds" on specific line items within this article, beginning with $30,000 to cover "Ambulance Wages" for the Police Department.

Police Chief Mary Lyons explained this will cover both training and salaries for five paramedics currently on staff. "The response time is excellent through the police department and ambulance service," Chief Lyons said. "We feel as a town that we can provide the paramedic service necessary. We currently have two part-time paramedics on our staff at the Police Department. We have five people from the police/EMS service in training through safety consultants in Taunton. They'll be done with classroom training in June. In order to send people through training, it costs money. The $30,000 represents the amount of money that hasn't yet be appropriated to cover the training they've already started."

Resident Penny Cole asked about the requested $15,000 for the Sanitary Landfill Enterprise Fund, and Board of Health Agent Dale Barrows explained this money will be used to cover an unforeseen price hike in the fees paid to the Town of Bourne to take Mattapoisett's refuse. "Originally it was $50 ton ... they raised the price to $70 per ton," Mr. Barrows said. "We under-budgeted for the amount of material that we send them ... we're hoping to get a contract with them to reduce our tipping fee."

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Lastly, voters questioned the $7,500 request under the Sewer/Treatment Plant moniker. Water/Sewer Superintendent William T. Nicholson explained this money was to cover additional sludge disposal at the Fairhaven Treatment Plant. With that, Article 4 was approved via unanimous vote.

Under ARTICLE 5, voters were asked to appropriate a $10,000 transfer from the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings into a newly-established Water Enterprise Emergency Reserve Fund. Mr. Nicholson advised that they cannot dip into the town's Reserve Fund, so they decided last year to set up their own "rainy day" account for emergency expenses. Any transfers into that account require Town Meeting authorization. The article was unanimously approved by voters.

ARTICLE 6 asked voters to appropriate $77,624.75 from two previous Town Meeting appropriations to be added to an article approved in 1999 for additional expenses on Water Main Replacements at the Mattapoisett River/Route 6 crossing. Again, Water/Sewer Superintendent Nicholson explained the project went out

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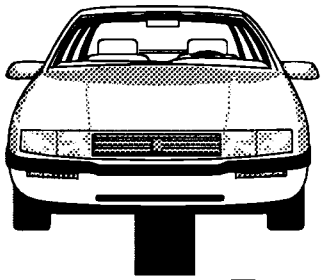

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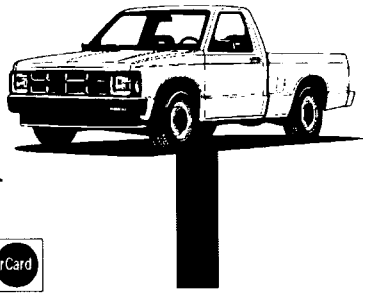

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"We rebid the job this past winter, and received eight bids," Mr. Nicholson said. "We're hoping to select the lowest bidder of that bunch, but we need this additional appropriation to pay for the project." The article was passed via unanimous vote.

Under ARTICLE 7, voters were asked to authorize the Board of Health and/or Board of Selectmen to enter into a three-year contractual agreement with the Town of Bourne to accept construction, demolition debris, and bulky waste at their municipal landfill for a fixed price. Health Agent Dale Barrows previously alluded to this article and explained this will lock-in a set price for Mattapoisett over the next three years. "Being in the rubbish business for the past 15 years, you are not going to see the price of disposal go down," he said. "Anyone who doesn't have a contract with them after this three-year agreement will be paying upwards of $100 per ton."

Article 7 was passed via unanimous vote.

Fire Chief Ronald Scott introduced ARTICLE 8, which requested a $5,000 transfer from Free Cash to cover the cost of a replacement radiator for the town's 1987 Pierce Arrow 1,000-gallon pumper/tanker. Chief Scott explained that the radiator life has far exceeded the norm and this will extend the life of the fire apparatus for several years. The article was unanimously approved.

Under ARTICLE 9, voters were asked to appropriate $22,500 from Free Cash to cover half of a litigation settlement for Daryl Pina, a former employee of the town's Highway Department. According to Town Counsel Daniel Perry, Mr. Pina was the subject of a criminal investigation and was placed on administrative leave. Mr. Pina was subsequently found innocent of the charges but filed a suit against the town claiming racial discrimination.

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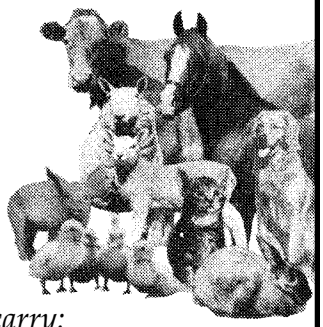

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(1418) **Wareham,** 26x34 full dormered Cape on over 3/4 acre lot. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, full basement, partially finished. **$224,900. Debbie McKeever 291-2112**

(1544) **Sandwich,** 3 BR, 1.5 bath Gambrel in quiet neighborhood, oak hardwood floors on 1st level, large eat in kitchen and den, fireplaced living room. Asking **$194,900. Debbie McKeever 291-2112**

(3968) **Mattapoisett,** Large 7 room Ranch, 3brs, family room, 2 car garage+, workshop, central air, vacuum, alarm systems. **$167,000. Sharon Doyon 758-2208**

(1594) **Wareham,** Bungalow, large eat-in kitchen. Large lot over 10,000 s.f. On dead end street. Convenient to everything. **$134,900. Carol DeTerra 999-4541**

(3963) **Marion,** Well designed Colonial w/ 4BRs & 3 baths located in desirable area. Lots of up grades & large lot. **$310,000. Jocelyn daLuz 758-9322**

(1578) **W. Wareham,** 2 bedroom Ranch with full finished basement, Title V approved, water views, steps to Association beach. **$107,900. Debbie McKeever 291-2112**

(1505 & 1506) **Wareham,** New construction. Two town house style condos, 3Brs, 1.5 baths, situated on 1/2 acre lot, central location, 8x12 deck. Asking **$139,900.** each. **Debbie McKeever 291-2112**

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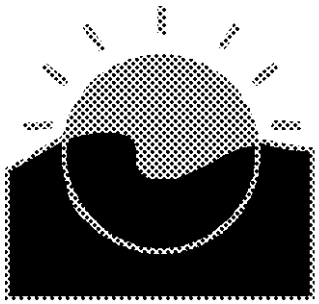
"There was a hearing and the commission did find probable cause in this cause, so we've recommended the board make a settlement in this case," Mr. Perry said. "If the commission were to find against the town, they could award additional monies for emotional distress. Given the potential, we think this is a prudent settlement. The total amount is $45,000 to be paid in two fiscal years. The second half will be put into the budget at the Annual Town Meeting."

When asked why the town's insurance provider wouldn't cover this settlement, Mr. Perry explained that the insurance will not cover "racial discrimination" claims.

Resident Daniel Goodman asked what other pending litigation cases are against the town, and Mr. Perry said there were several: two Board of Appeals matters, one Board of Health matter, and a claim involving the ex-Deputy Chief of the Fire Department, which is being handled by town's insurance carrier. With that, the article passed via majority vote, 70 to 20.

Members of the Mattapoisett Library Board of Trustees pled their case under ARTICLE 10 to authorize them to accept any and all grant awards from state, federal or other sources for future expansion of the public library. Having previously approved funding for a feasibility study, Town Meeting voters were now being asked to approve seeking additional sources of funding for the total $3.7 million project, which includes a 10 percent contingency fund.



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"$1.6 million is coming from a state grant," explained Library Trustee Bob Atkinson. "That leaves $2.1 million from the community — with a $1 million goal raised through a private capital fund drive. Basically we're going to get a real good library for about $1 million in taxpayers' money. We're still hoping to have the building completed for the library's one-hundredth anniversary in June, 2004."

Article 10 was approved via unanimous vote.

Town Meeting voters spent the bulk of the evening discussing and debating the merits of ARTICLE 11, which asked them to amend and replace the town's current Telecommunications Zoning By-Law with a new section titled "Telecommunications Towers." According to Planning Board Chairman Bob Rogers, two years ago the town adopted a Telecommunications By-Law, but the "Planning Board has had to react to the (federal) Telecommunications Act of 1996 up to this point." This new by-law was proposed in the hopes of providing greater latitude in locating so-called telecommunications (cellular) towers within Mattapoisett.

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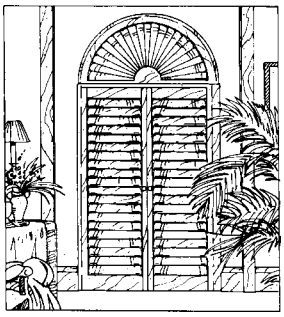

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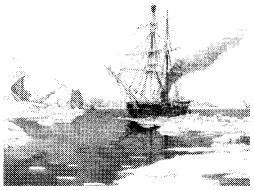

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"The reason we are asking to approve this by-law tonight is so we can limit these ugly towers up to the full measure of the law," Mr. Rogers said. "We have a (commercial) strip along Route 6 and that is where they belong. The Planning Board ... approached Town Counsel and challenged him to write a revision of the by-law to give maximum limitations to the placement of cell towers."

"Towns can't prohibit or have policies with the intention of prohibiting telecommunication services," Town Counsel Daniel Perry said. "If the town wants to regulate towers, federal courts require towns to show that they have formulated laws to (locate) towers."

But the proposed by-law was greeted with much opposition from residents, who felt it was too lenient and would benefit the telecommunications companies.

"You have heard that the proposed amendment is needed because of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996," said Dana Coggins. "There was a case in the Town of Lincoln, RI and it didn't nullify the existing Telecommunications By-Law. The carrier was easily able to make their case against the town ... we're giving away the burden of proof to the carrier. By doing away with the (existing) overlay district, we will be paving the way for 190-foot towers anywhere along Route 6."

After further debate, Article 11, which required a two-thirds majority vote to pass, was handily defeated, 10 to 75, with 2 abstentions.

Under ARTICLE 12, voters were asked to amend

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the town's Zoning By-Laws, under Bed and Breakfast Regulations to reflect a better definition of the establishments within town.

"Currently our by-laws limit the number of rooms to three rooms, with a maximum number of parking spaces," explained Building Inspector Andy Bobola. "Basically this is the same as the current by-law with clarifications and changes. This would not effect any current bed and breakfast in Mattapoisett, this would be for proposed or new bed and breakfast applications." Article 12 passed via unanimous vote.

Lastly, under ARTICLE 13, Town Meeting voters were asked to amend the town's general laws to add a sentence to Section 3.4.9 establishing penalties and

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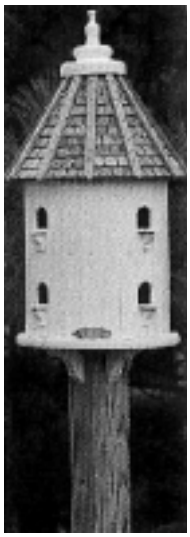

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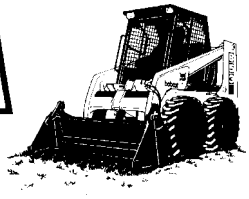

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"At last year's Annual Town Meeting we had a by-law that was adopted for water restrictions," explained Water/Sewer Superintendent Nicholson. "The by-law passed successfully, but it was pointed out that we didn't have a person as enforcement authority, which the Attorney General's office requires."

Article 13 passed via unanimous vote.

There being no further articles to consider, the Special Town Meeting was adjourned for the evening at 9:05 pm.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

April 10, 2001

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Albert Winters. Also present were Selectman Loretta B. Schaefer, Town Administrator Julia Enroth-Whitlock, and Secretary Helene Craver. Selectman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson was not present for the meeting.

After approving the minutes of the March 27 and April 3 meetings and signing treasury and payroll warrants for the week, the board unanimously approved the appointment of Holly Church Savaria and Susan Sares to the town's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the

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• Letter of appreciation from Elizabeth E. Bangs thanking four members of the Marion Fire Department who helped pump out over three feet of water from her cellar on March 30 during the torrential rainfall. "They were so cheerful, efficient and kind, in spite of being cold and wet, that I thought ... how very fortunate we are having people like this working in our town," Ms. Bangs wrote.

"I think we'd all echo those sentiments," Chairman Winters agreed.

• Request from the sponsors of the Feast of St. Anthony to hold their annual feast in the park on Point Road on June 10 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm and to have the road closed off during the event, as was done in past years. The board unanimously voted to grant permission to use the park and to close off the road as requested.

• Notice from Alewives Anonymous, Inc. of their Annual Meeting and Quahog Chowder Supper to be held at the Rochester Grange Hall on Sunday, April 29 at 5:00 pm, with guest speaker Ken Reback of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries. The deadline to make

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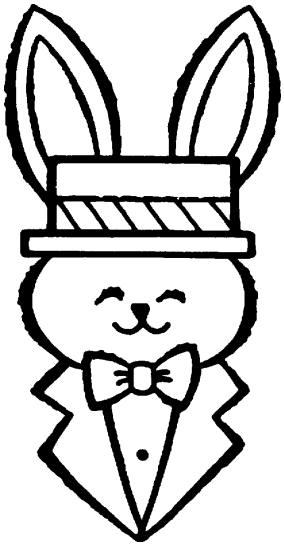

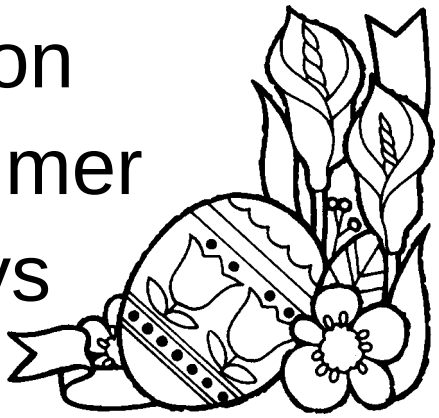

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• Invitation to attend a Retirement Party in honor of Mattapoisett Town Clerk Lois K. Ennis, to be held on Thursday, May 10 at the Century House in Acushnet beginning with social hour at 6:00 pm. Selectman Schaefer suggested that it would be nice to send Ms. Ennis a note on behalf of the board thanking her for her 35 years' of service to the Town of Mattapoisett.

• Memo from Shellfish Officer Kevin Snow advising that the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries has approved all shellfish areas in Marion as open for harvesting. Likewise, the Division of Marine Fisheries submitted notifications that all areas were alternately closed to the taking of shellfish on March 30, and then reopened on April 6 in the aftermath of last week's torrential rain storm.

Under the Town Administrator's report, Ms. Enroth-Whitlock first discussed plans for the Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting warrants and wanted to know how the board would approach introducing each article. Chairman Winters explained that the three Selectmen usually just rotate introduction of each article in turn and make the motions as part of their reading.

Ms. Enroth-Whitlock also informed the board that Town Counsel had some comments regarding an article placed on the warrant by petition with regards to the wording and definitions contained therein.

Next, Ms. Enroth-Whitlock advised that they have received an application for a Special Permit to locate a

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Regarding the board's discussion last week to hire a Coordinator to oversee scheduling events at Music Hall and appointing a Advisory Committee to oversee the facility, Ms. Enroth-Whitlock noted that they will be advertising for the coordinator's position and they've already received four applications just from newspaper accounts of the board's plans. The Advisory Committee

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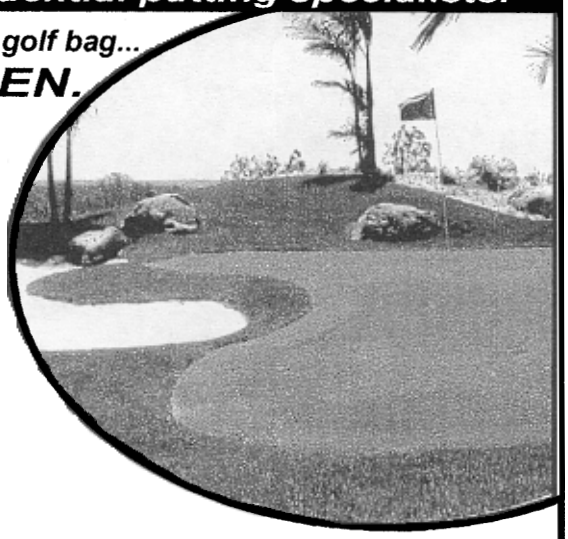

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Lastly, Ms. Enroth-Whitlock noted that the town currently does not have a Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator, which is required by law. "I couldn't find a standard ADA policy for the town ... I found a general policy and I'm hoping to adapt that for the Town of Marion," she said.

Chairman Winters noted that former Town Administrator Ray Pickles was designated the town's ADA Coordinator, and Ms. Enroth-Whitlock agreed to take on the position for now until someone could be officially appointed.

In other matters, Selectman Schaefer noted that the board previously discussed requiring a $500 refundable security deposit for any events in town facilities — especially the Music Hall — at which alcohol is being served. "If an alcohol license is secured for a function, I'd like make that a policy," she said. "We've had a few instances now that have required additional labor to bring the building back to its original condition."

Although the matter was first discussed solely with regards to the Music Hall, the board seemed to think it was a good policy for all town facilities, and the motion was amended to require the $500 refundable deposit for all events on town property for which an alcohol license has been secured. The motion was unanimously approved by the board.

Dan Smith, engineer for the drainage project on Creek Road, came before the board to inform them that they had opened bids on the project last week and he

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reviewed them all and would like to recommend awarding the project to the low bidder: Greco Construction.

"I've reviewed his specs and plans, and everything seems in order," Mr. Smith said. "He actually came up with a better solution for the drainage problem, which helped keep the costs down. I think it will work, and I've talk with (DPW Superintendent) Rob Zora, and I've recommended that the town sign a contract with them."

Mr. Smith said the job was contingent upon closing the road for a period of two weeks, which seemed reasonable and would actually allow the contractor to work uninterrupted without opening and closing the road.

The board unanimously voted to award the contract to Greco Construction upon a recommendation from Mr. Smith pending a written recommendation from DPW Superintendent Rob Zora.

At 7:35 pm the board unanimously voted to go into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations. They would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

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Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

April 9, 2001

By Rebecca Fortin

Chairperson Naida Parker called a regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen to order on Monday, April 9 at 7:00 pm. Also in attendance were Selectman Richard Cutler, Selectman Patricia Ryan, Town Administrator James Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

After unanimously accepting the minutes of the April 2, 2001 meeting, the board met with Personnel Board member Richard Wisniewski, who discussed the Personnel Board's recommendations for several town positions.

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The Personnel Board met with Ron Mullett, a consultant with Howard, Tabor Associates, as well as with the Finance Committee (FinCom). Selectman Ryan was also present at the meeting between the Personnel Board and Mr. Mullett, and suggested that the board prioritize the importance of upgrading several town positions.

The Personnel Board reviewed the proposals presented by Mr. Mullett, and recommended an upgrade of seven of the twelve jobs, and took no action on five of these positions because some were new positions, and exempt from the Personnel Board. Mr. Wisniewski prioritized the seven positions that the board felt most critical to the town in order, beginning with what they felt were most critical:

(1) An upgrade in the Dispatcher position; (2) Chief Dispatcher; (3) Police Department Secretary; a new position which the Personnel Board recommends upgrading in hours from 15 to 20 per week; (4) Environmental Planner; (5) Administrative Assistant to the Building Department; (6) Administrative Assistant to the Assessors Office; and (7) an upgrade in salary to the Town Administrator's position.

Mr. Wisniewski noted the particular importance to the first three positions in their recommendation, which he characterized as "public safety features." It was a unanimous recommendation among the Personnel Board that there be a salary increase for the Town Administrator position, as is simply too low. After consulting with Ron Mullet, who referred to state guidelines Central Massachusetts Labor Grade Rate Range Survey and the Massachusetts Municipalities Survey. These guidelines, which compare the wages of municipalities within the state, indicated that the salary of the Town Administrator was on the low side of the curve.

Selectman Cutler noted that this consulting firm has made similar recommendations for the previous two years, but that is by no means an indication that such upgrades are not needed. Selectman Ryan added that the Personnel Board initially only pushed for the upgrades in the first three positions, but were encouraged to prioritize a longer list, once the need of such positions could be evaluated and the availability of funds could be determined.

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Town Administrator James Huntoon presented the board with his report, which included the following points:

• He noted that there had been a successful rabies clinic where over 100 dogs were vaccinated.

• He reminded the town of the Annual Election on Wednesday, April 10.

• He recommended Noreen Hartley to serve as Clerk of the Works for the new COA Building Project. This will be a part-time temporary position. An Employee Action Form, which is required of all part-time positions, will need to be completed. Also, she is recommended to serve as the Assistant Conservation Agent, which will also be a part-time position. This position will be considered Special Municipal Employee status. The board approved of the recommendations, and requested that Mr. Huntoon prepare a contract for Ms. Hartley for them to sign.

Town Treasurer John Hall, who also serves as Benefits Manager for the town, voiced his concerns about part-time employment and the lack of benefits associated with such status. He is fielding several questions from these employees and requested the board's advice. Under law, any person working 20 hours or fewer is not eligible for benefits. Selectman Ryan questions why this issue is not raised by perspective employees upon acceptance of the job.

Mr. Huntoon noted that Mr. Morgan, a missing Rochester man, still has not been found, despite some 1600 hours of searching by Police and Fire departments, and volunteers from local towns as well as from New Hampshire and Vermont. Police Chief Przybylek is currently writing thank-you notes to volunteers. The search is ongoing.

Chairperson Parker spoke to a representative from N-Star, with whom she was on Walnut Plain Road over the weekend, and expressed her discontentment for

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the double utility poles found all over town. He explained that it is Verizon's responsibility to remove them, upon the installation of new poles, but that he would pass on her "unhappiness" to the appropriate people. "I'm tired of waiting," said Selectman Ryan, who feels as though they will not be removed because the Verizon and Com/Electric won't do anything "they don't have to do."

Selectman Cutler agreed, and made a motion to draft a letter to the appropriate channels to resolve the issue. Chairman Parker warned that without their compliance, the board may not willing to approve requests for new poles from such companies. Mr. Huntoon will contact State Representative William Straus, as well, to inform him of the situation.

The Selectmen's signature was required on two items. First, the City of New Bedford submitted a Flammable Fluid Permit for the installation of seven oil, propane and diesel tanks, both above and below ground at the pumping station. Selectman Ryan question why the $15 fee for such a license is so low, and would like to see it raised. "Some of these things we do just so we know where the tanks are, rather than collect money," said Selectman Cutler. He went on to say that the fee might be set by statute. Selectman Ryan, therefore, would like to see a separate license issued for each tank, thereby collecting more money.

The board was also requested to sign for the discontinuance of a portion of Old Neck Road in Rochester. Chairman Parker abstained from signing because of issues she has with it. "I have an awfully uncomfortable feeling," she said. Her concern is that a resident that lives at the end of the road will not have the frontage or buildable lot as a result of the discontinuance, and that he is being told he must go along with it. The two other board members signed and approved the discontinuance.

Under correspondence and notices, the board discussed the following:

• They received notice that they must appoint a delegate for SRPEDD.

• The Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG) will meet on Thursday, April 12 at 2:00 pm at the SRPEDD office in Taunton.

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• The town received payment from SEMASS in lieu of taxes for the month of March in the amount of $232,711.

The board agreed they will not meet next Monday, April 16, due to the Patriots Day holiday.

With no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

We would like to once again clarify the YMCA's position on the proposed Mattapoisett Bike Path and respond to Mr. Watjen's letter as published in this newspaper last week questioning our real agenda.

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retain the integrity of Camp Massasoit as a safe haven for children from all walks of life to have an enjoyable, summer recreational experience. We remain committed to working with the Town of Mattapoisett to develop a path at a location that is not only attractive and functional, but is safe for all concerned. In addition the American Camping Association has indicated that they could not support "a bike path that runs directly through the middle of a children's camp." YMCA SouthCoast's Camp Massasoit is one of the few camps in Southeastern Massachusetts that meets the voluntary, stringent ACA performance standards.

Safety is obviously a concern of Mr. Watjen as he talks about the town's proposal to erect a "fenced and gated 'cattle run'" enclosure that surrounds the bike path as it goes through the middle of Camp Massasoit. While we applaud his recognition that camper safety concerns are sufficient to warrant a "fenced 'cattle run,'" it is our firm view that this "prison-style" separation of campers and cyclists is neither an effective nor appropriate way to address this issue. To illustrate how preposterous this proposal is, imagine the Town of Mattapoisett erecting a "fenced 'cattle run'" separating Center School from its playground, with students traveling between the two via an underground precast concrete tunnel. This arrangement would instill and confirm (rather than allay and eliminate) the fears of any parent concerned with the safety of their student/camper children. To further illustrate the point, one needs to look no further than recent police reports from Fairhaven about a "flasher" on the Fairhaven Bike Path exposing himself to teenage girls. In addition, a recent comment from our latest survey indicates: "as a teacher, I had two girls in my elementary grade school class last year, who had a very bad experience on the Fairhaven Bike Path because of adult male harassment. I wish I could take their fear and pain away. I can't. Please keep the bike route away from the camp."

The results to date of our latest survey sent to YMCA participants indicate overwhelming support of the Y's proposed route around the perimeter of the camp through a raised boardwalk over the marsh. 70.6 percent of the respondents preferred the Y's preferred route while an additional 19.3 percent preferred only the Route 6 route. There were 8.6 percent of total respondents who wanted to consider the direct route through the middle of camp while only 7.4 percent of Mattapoisett residents responding to the survey preferred the direct middle route. In addition, the results of a survey done by an outside firm almost three years ago to camper parents indicated that up to 70 percent of the respondents might not send their child to Camp Massasoit if the bike path was to be built down the middle of the camp. The sentiment reflected in

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With regards to Mr. Watjen's concern for the higher cost of constructing this bridge, we repeat ... one cannot put a price tag on children's safety and we will not do that with regards to this project. Although we disagree with his estimates of the cost, we have indicated our willingness as an organization to assist with the fund-raising to make this alternate route a reality. In addition, the YMCA has willingly agreed to donate approximately 2,000 linear feet of land to construct the path around the perimeter of our property. It should be noted to Mattapoisett town residents that 100 percent of the land acquisition costs associated with the camp middle route are borne by the town while construction costs can be subsidized up to 90 percent by the state.

Finally, we would like to emphasize our willingness to work towards the best solution for all concerned. We have welcomed bike path representatives to a YMCA Board of Directors' meeting in the very early stages of discussions. We have also hosted three meetings within the last year with the bike path proponents to discuss this very complicated issue. We remain convinced that negotiations held in good faith and with cool heads will result in a bike path that is safe and enjoyable for all concerned.

Sincerely,
Ted Babbitt III, Chairman Board of Directors
Margaret D. Xiafaras, Vice-Chairman Board of Directors
Gary R. Schuyler, President
YMCA SouthCoast, Mattapoisett

To the Editor:

I'm writing in regard to the recent (Mattapoisett) Selectmen's Meeting, at which Selectman Andrews questioned the integrity of the American Red Cross. Whereas I was one of the recipients of their Award, of which I was honored to receive, I feel it is necessary to write this letter. However, I am not surprised considering Mr. Andrews wasn't there. Mr. Andrews, you are correct in saying two police officers were on the scene

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first. Since you were not there, I will tell you this: those two gentlemen did an excellent job as well as the rest of the Mattapoisett Police Department. Those two gentlemen were also nominated for the "Real Hero" Award as well as myself and Nathan Sylvia.

There were also two other gentlemen who should have been nominated: (Fire) Chief Ron Scott and Selectman Barry Denham. While Chief Scott helped fight the fire, Mr. Denham pulled hose lines and refilled air bottles. He also congratulated us on this award. Let's not forget that the American Red Cross helped with the latest storm supplying kits for those residents that were flooded. Thanks again, American Red Cross.

Sincerely,
Henri H. Renauld Jr.
Mattapoisett Firefighter

To the Editor:

A prepared statement was read at the (Mattapoisett) Selectmen's meeting on April 2 by one of the Selectmen. And, once again, our elected has loosed a fusillade of imperfect salvos at any number of people and organizations. Some of those statements require clarification, and in some cases, correction. At best, they invite debate.

To wit: An answer to political statements made by (Daniel) Goodman during the Selectmen's meeting by one of the Selectmen in favor of the incumbent, without allowing rebuttal or fair representation to the opposing party (Mr. Goodman), is very unethical at least. To blame poor judgement simply isn't acceptable. Preparing this statement, proofing it, and most importantly (and unfortunately, for the other two Selectmen) allowing it to be read in its entirety shows a lack of fundamental understanding of what is and is not allowable while under the auspices of the Selectmen's meeting. Shame on the other two Selectmen for allowing such a misdirected effort to go on unnoticed.

As far as statements concerning the "paramedic upgrade" are concerned:

My only wish ... concerning the Maryland State Police ... is that someone FROM the MSP could actually hear this coming from town officials. Statements such as this really

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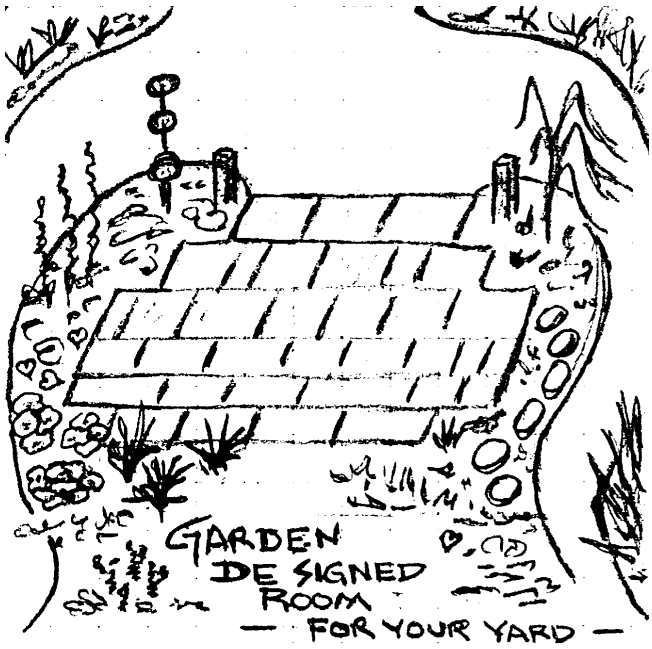
embarrass me. (As it should, for anyone operating as a prehospital provider, and remotely aware of the significance and operation of the MSP.)

I don't think anyone wishes to eliminate the police as EMTs in town. Their effectiveness and response time is not in question, and I applaud their continued operation in this regard.

And yet — as far as advanced care in the field is concerned — there is significant precedence for an alternative to what we in Mattapoisett now enjoy. With 188 municipalities in Massachusetts utilizing a Fire Department-based ALS service, and three municipalities utilizing Police Department-based services (and I bet you know two of them), the idea is neither new nor original. (Just ask someone on Cape Cod sometime.) Perhaps more research is merited in this admittedly difficult situation. Perhaps, a researched presentation by the Fire Department, outlining its ideas concerning advanced (paramedic) field care: something that the Selectmen did not deign to acknowledge in its original incarnation.

The police officers at that fatal (Mattapoisett) fire should indeed be commended. It's safe to say that all parties involved, fire and police together, went above and beyond the call in entering and rescuing that person from a terrible accident. The American Red Cross awarded two firefighters from



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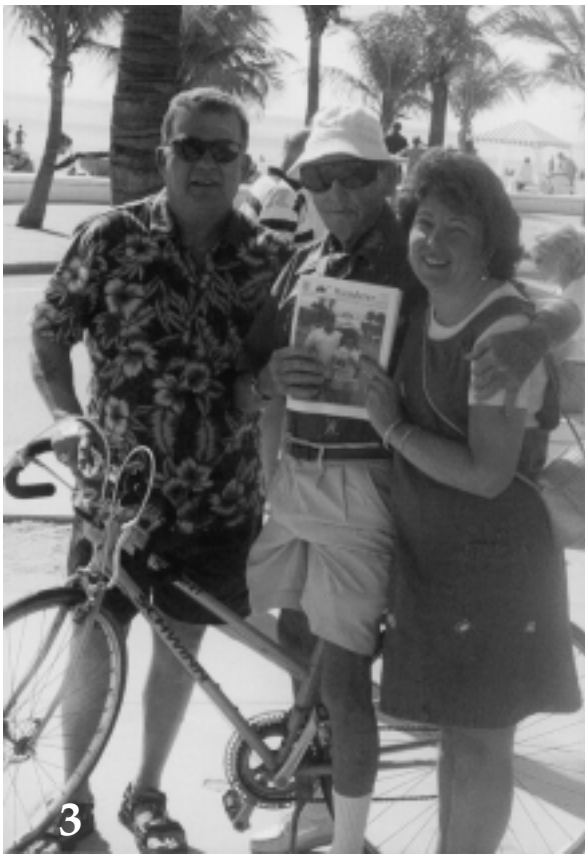
1: *Aaron and Nate Rocha of Mattapoisett took a trip to London, England during February school vacation and remembered to take along a copy of their favorite local newspaper to pose with outside Buckingham Palace in Trafalga Square right after the famous "changing of the guards." Aaron is a fifth grader at Old Hammondtown School and Nate is in third grade at Center School. (Photo by Wendy Rocha.)*

2: *Jackie VanVoris of Mattapoisett poses with The Wanderer at Lahaina, Maui last month. A restored brig, the* Carthaginia II, *can be seen in the background marking the place where in 1819 a whaler out of New Bedford anchored and was the first in Hawaii to open greater trade with the islands. (Photo courtesy of Jackie VanVoris.)*



3: *Kenny and Melody Pacheco of Mattapoisett pose with Howie Bates (center) while vacationing in Fort Lauderdale, FL recently. Of course, even when they're away from home, they enjoy reading The Wanderer to keep up on all the tri-town news! (Photo courtesy of Melody and Kenny Pacheco.)*

4: *Janice, Hilary and Katie Kearns of Mattapoisett traveled to Cosmel, Mexico for their February vacation and were able to find a familiar-looking seahorse seat on which to pose with a copy of* The Wanderer. *The trio made a brief stop while on a cruise ship, which can be glimpsed in the background. (Photo courtesy of the Kearns family.)*

5: *Earl and Carrie Scott of Dunedin, FL pose with Jennifer Scott (center) of Mattapoisett during a recent visit to Dunedin Stadium, where the Toronto Blue Jays conduct their winter training camps. The Blue Jays were playing the Boston Red Sox this particular day. (Photo courtesy of*

Jennifer Scott.)

6: *Sue Foster (Westport), Jeff Brown (formerly of Fairhaven), and Andrea Porter (formerly of Mattapoisett) spent Spring Break in March at Multnomah Falls on the Columbia River Gorge in Oregon, just opposite the Washington state border, and took a picture with* The Wanderer *at the national scenic area. (Photo courtesy of Andrea Porter.)*

7: *The Hughes family of Rochester took a ski trip to the White Mountains of New Hampshire last month. Posing in front of the scenic overview in North Conway, NH with copies of* The Wanderer *are David and Louise Hughes of Rochester with their seven grandchildren: (l. to r.) Andrew Hughes (6), Michael Pruchnik (5), Kara Hughes (8), Jennifer Hughes (3), McNeil Somers (3 weeks), Nicole Pruchnik (6) and Kate Hughes (1). Also enjoying the beautiful spring weather and skiing trip (but not pictured here) were Stephen and Michelle Hughes of Mattapoisett, Carolyn and Frank Pruchnik of Rochester, Colleen and John Somers of Dorchester, and Mark and Marissa Hughes of Rochester. (Photo courtesy of Louise Hughes.)*

8: *In addition to visiting the Hoover Dam, photographer Tim Sylvia of Mattapoisett (our cover subject this week) also posed in front of the stratosphere on the Las Vegas strip with a copy of* The Wanderer. *We'd like to thank Tim and all our loyal readers who submitted some great posed photos for publication. We're looking forward to many more!*

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Mattapoisett for their valor. That they did not recognize the police officers by awarding them is not the fault of any particular town power or department. The ARC determines recipients from its pool of nominees. The police were nominated by their chief, just as were the firefighters. Final determinations are solely and ultimately the ARC's responsibility, not someone else's. Kudos to police and firefighters alike in that tragedy.

It is painfully clear that Mattapoisett is being dragged, kicking and screaming, into the new millenium. At least, that is how it seems from my perspective. Proper and equitable research, pro and con, from ALL involved parties, is the only way solutions can be arrived at in town (or any) government. Ignoring any of the facets (or factions) involved can only lead to dissent and misdirection, as has been shown with this paramedic escapade.

Sincerely,
Kevin Porter
Mattapoisett

To the Editor:

We want to thank Rochester Fire (Department) members for pumping out our cellar during the recent floodings and getting our oil heater back into action. Their help has been invaluable to us and we don't know what we would have done without it.

Sincerely,
Arthur and Alene Lionberger
Rochester

To the Editor:

Thanks are warranted to the (Mattapoisett) Lions Club for their sponsorship of Candidates' Night on April Fools Night. Fools they were NOT who spoke on behalf of the offices they were seeking. It was good to hear from those who were running for office and it was particularly appreciated to hear from those running unopposed and learn more about their particular positions.

As a retired public employee, it is very clear that individual service is important in the gain it makes for a system as a whole. Success requires a lot of collective effort! To those who have given tirelessly of themselves, as we heard on Sunday, they have done so because they believe in Town Government. Whether re-elected or not, they deserve considerable satisfaction for their efforts as well as our gratitude for the role they played in helping Mattapoisett move ahead as a local government system. Congratulations!

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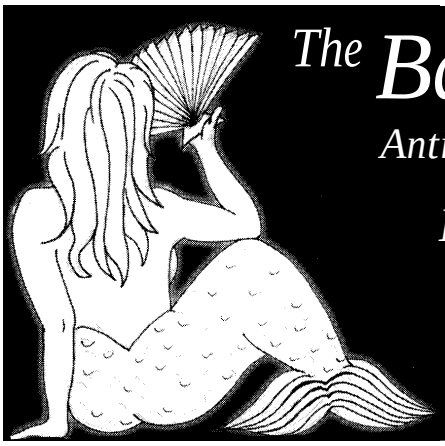

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To the Editor:

We would like to thank our many friends and relatives who were so kind during our recent loss. We appreciate your cards, flowers and kind donations in memory of our mother, Madeline Philla.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Mattapoisett Police Department for their prompt and compassionate response during our time of need. A special thank you is extended to Sergeant Paul Magee; Officers Craig LeBlanc, Jason King, Trenton Garde, and Darryl Kinney.

The Philla family will be forever indebted to Doctor Ram H. Chowdri for his many acts of kindness.

Sincerely,
Kathleen and Raymond Briggs
Donald Philla
Henry and Sabra Philla
Mattapoisett

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Habitat Tool Sale

The Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity (BBAHFH) will be holding a used tool sale on May 5. The sale will be held in the Wal-Mart parking lot on Alden

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Road in Fairhaven from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. Proceeds from the sale will go toward future construction projects in the SouthCoast Massachusetts area. During the next few weeks BBAHFH will be accepting donations of tools to include in their sale. Now is the time to clean out that cellar or garage and put your tools to work for a good cause. All donations are welcome: power or hand tools in good condition as well as some unused building supplies ... please no paint or appliances.

To donate tools or if you have questions, you can call Bob at 508-295-6612, Russ at 508-748-6662, or Paul at 508-758-9055. Donations can also be dropped off at the office of *The Wanderer* newspaper, 55 County Road (Route 6) in Mattapoisett on Monday, Thursday or Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Remember your donations are tax-deductible!

With your help Buzzards Area Habitat for Humanity has raised funds to construct two homes in the SouthCoast area and is planning their next build for the fall of 2001.

Cranberry Brass

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church will host Cranberry Brass, a five-man group of musicians from the SouthCoast area, for Sunday evening Vespers on April 22 at 6:30 pm. Cranberry Brass is a multifaceted group that melds many talents and a variety of musical experience into a cohesive sound. Its members, Dan Lasdow and Bob Williamson on trumpet, Roy Campbell

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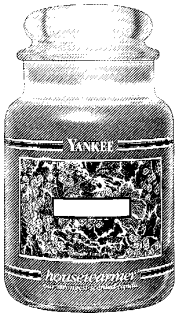

on trombone, Ken Pope on horn, and Andrew Newman on tuba, have performed in orchestras across the country, played with a variety of recording artists and appeared as soloists. Their repertoire includes richly diverse styles of music from baroque to jazz, classical to rag, contemporary to Dixieland.

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church is located on Church Street, two blocks south of Route 6 in the village of Mattapoisett. Vespers will take place in the Sanctuary, which is handicap-accessible. There will be a "free will" offering. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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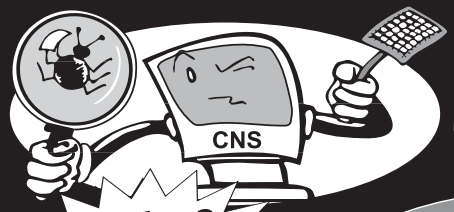

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another performance by Diane Postoian of Looking Glass Theatre. Last year, Diane delighted the audience with her telling of the popular children's book *Ira Sleeps Over.* This year she returns with a new production, *Diaries of a Frog.* An environmental show with emotions, *Diaries of a Frog* aims for the heart with a collection of animated stories and poems, including "The Bear Who Wanted to be a Bear" by Jorg Steiner, and a participatory version of "Mr. Tamerin's Trees" by Kathryn Ernst.

The event is scheduled for Friday, April 20 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at the Rochester Memorial School. Admission is $2 per person or $5 per family. Tickets will be available at the door.

Marion Town Clerk

Taxes Due

Reminder to Marion Taxpayers that the fourth quarter Real Estate and Personal Property taxes are due May 1.

Absentee Ballots

Absentee Ballots are now available at the Marion Town Clerk's office for the local election to be held on Friday, April 27, 2001. Anyone wishing to vote prior to the election due to absence from town on election day may vote in the office during regular business hours from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Thursday, and on Friday from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm prior to 12:00 noon on April 26. Upon receipt of written application, absentee ballots will be mailed to voters who are out of the area. For further information, please call Town Clerk/Treasurer/Collector Debra Blanchette at 508-748-3505.

ORR Students of the Month

Stephen Helman, Principal at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, announced the following "Students of the Month" for March, 2001:

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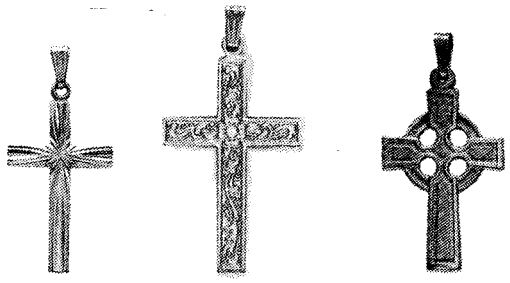

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OHS Band at Symphony Hall

On Saturday, April 14, the Old Hammondtown School Concert Band, under the direction of Stan Ellis, will perform at Symphony Hall in Boston. The award-winning band will be taking the stage at 12:00 noon and will be performing with other gold medal bands and choruses from around the state of Massachusetts. These

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groups received their gold medals at the recent Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association's competition held in four different towns on the weekend of March 30, 31 and April 1.

The Old Hammondtown School Band will perform the same numbers that won them their eighth gold medal in the MICCA competitions: "Colonel Bogey" will start the OHS program, followed by "Western Legend" and finishing with "New England Festival."

Judges James O'Dell from Boston University, David Seiler from the University of New Hampshire, and David Martins were all extremely impressed with the quality of these young musicians. Dave Seiler gavea clinic for the band and made comments on how well they interpreted the music and how good their intonation and phrasing was.

All gold medalists had a choice of playing at Tanglewood or Symphony Hall. Band conductor Stan Ellis chose to go to Symphony Hall because this was the 100th anniversary of the building and Old Hammondtown School played Tanglewood last year.

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Acushnet Rummage Sale

There will be a Rummage and Bake Sale sponsored by the Acushnet Ways and Means Society (WAMS) of the Acushnet-Wesley United Methodist Church, 67 Main Street in Acushnet, on Friday, April 20 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and Saturday, April 21 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. There will be good, clean clothing for men, women and children, along with homemade pastries, potato salad, baked beans, chicken pies, meat and potato pies, and French meat pies. Flea market items will also be available.

Midd-Town Twirlers

Members of the Midd-Town Twirlers Square Dance Club will hold a dance on April 21 at the Centre Methodist Church Hall on the corner of Center and Walnut Streets in Fairhaven. Dennis Marsh will call, and Barbara Nutting will cue. The dancing level is mainstream-plus. For more information, please call 508-992-2555 or 508-998-1860.

Driver Education Classes

Enrollment for the next Driver Education Class at Old Rochester Regional High School is now taking place. Due to a change in state law, a student must be at least 16 years of age on or before April 30, 2001 in order to enroll in the class. Students from ORR will be given first available seats as the program is school-sponsored.

Please call the high school for further information (758-3745). Registration period ends Friday, April 27. The class will be scheduled to begin on Monday, April 30. The classes are held on Monday and Tuesday in Room B-123 at the high school from 6:30 to 8:30 pm and run for seven weeks.

Class charge for residents is $35. Driving hours for residents is $112. The class and driving hour charge for non-residents of the ORR School District is $166. Only cash, bank checks, or money orders will be accepted as payment. No personal checks will be accepted. Summer residents will be considered residents of the district.

Telephone Changes

As many residents are well aware, local calls in the eastern Massachusetts area now require you to dial using 10 digits (area code + seven-digit phone number). Because the Mattapoisett Police Department has received numerous phone calls on the subject, they would like to remind residents that you *do not* need to dial the area code

when calling 911. If a caller does use their area code when dialing 911, the call will not go through and this could result in the loss of valuable time in an emergency. To access emergency numbers such as police, fire and ambulance, all you need to do is dial 9-1-1.

Acushnet Antiques Show

An Antiques Appraisal Road Show sponsored by the Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity will be held on Tuesday, April 24 at 6:30 pm in the Acushnet Community Center, 232 Middle Road. Doors open at 5:30 pm and fees are $8 per item, $15 for two. Please call 508-995-6909 or 508-998-1645 for tickets or more information.

Fairhaven Boating Course

The Fairhaven Harbormaster, Fairhaven Police Department, and Massachusetts Environmental Police will be offering a FREE "Boating Basics Course" each summer month starting in May. Officially sponsored by the Fairhaven Police Department, Fairhaven Harbormaster's Office, and Massachusetts Environmental Police, each month's educational program is open to the public free-of-charge. The primary purpose of these courses are to foster safe attitudes by developing an increased awareness of safe boating practices, legal responsibilities, and general marine knowledge.

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Pre-registration is required for the course. To register, please call the Fairhaven Harbormaster's Office at 508-984-4529. The May program will be held at the Fairhaven Police Department, Training Room, 1 Bryant Lane, just off Washington Street in Fairhaven on Mondays and Tuesdays, May 7, 8, 14, 15 and 21 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Other boating safety courses scheduled in Fairhaven include:

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• West Island Improvement Association (youth course, tentative): July 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm; and

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Author in Mattapoisett

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With only a bicycle named Greene for a traveling companion, Erika Warmbrunn set off on an eight-month, 8,000-kilometer trek that would take her from the shores of Lake Baikal to the Mekong Delta. Published by The Mountaineers Books of Seattle, this is the story of that ride. The author will sign copies of her book after the talk and slide-show.

Easter Raffle Benefit

The Annual Easter Raffle to benefit Hearts and Hands is once again being held this year with the prize of a gorgeous, imported giant chocolate Easter egg (three feet tall and over ten pounds of chocolate with surprises inside). Try your luck at winning this great prize and help a worth cause in the process. Raffle tickets are now available at Cerulli's in Mattapoisett and the raffle drawing will be held on Saturday, April 14.

Mattapoisett Maconchu Club

The Mattapoisett Maconchu Club will meet on Saturday, April 21 at 7:30 pm in Reynard Hall of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. The program will feature Cotting White, who has interesting pictures to show and interesting stories to tell of her visit to Senegal in Africa. Guests are always welcome to attend.

Rochester Council on Aging

• Thursday, April 12 - Crafts at Rochester Senior Center from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon;
• Friday, April 13 - Good Friday;
• Sunday, April 15 - Easter Sunday;
• Monday, April 16 - Shopping at Emerald Square Mall and the Christmas Tree Shop in Attleboro. Leave Town Hall at 9:30 am. Call Marie at 508-763-8723 for reservations;
• Wednesday, April 18 - Council on Aging Meeting at Town Hall at 9:00 am. Meeting is open to everyone;
• Saturday, April 21 - SHARE Pick-Up at Town Hall from

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• Monday, April 23 - Cuffy's Factory Store: Leave Town Hall at 9:30 am. Call Marie at 508-763-8723 for reservations;
• Tuesday, April 24 - AARP Meeting at Town Hall at 1:00 pm — Everyone is welcome to attend;
• Thursday, April 26 - Crafts at Senior Center from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon;
• Monday, April 30 - Trip to Providence Place Mall: Leave Town Hall at 9:30 am. Call Marie at 508-763-8723 for reservations.

Marion Art Center

Student Show

The Annual Student Show is now on display at both galleries at the Marion Art Center through April 20 and features work by UMass Dartmouth students as well as high school student portfolios in competition for the Butterfield Scholarship prize. Permanent residents of Marion, Mattapoisett, Fairhaven and Wareham who intend to enter college by September 2002 are eligible to

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ARTCAMP

Applications are now being accepted for the Marion Art Center's ARTCAMP 2001, now in its fifteenth year! This summer program is for children ages four-and-a-half to nine years. Activities include: arts and crafts, theater, music, movement, games and songs. Children are grouped by age and participate in the various activities together. A snack is provided by the Art Center.

ARTCAMP meets on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. There are three two-week sessions: Session I (July 10 - July 19); Session II (July 24 - August 2) and Session III (August 7 - August 16). There is a "show" at the end of each session, and there is a different theme each time, so everyday there are new and different activities.

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North Fairhaven Yard Sale

Plans are underway for the Third Annual North Fairhaven Yard Sale to be held on Saturday, May 19 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. This year's event will be sponsored by the Church of the Good Shepherd. Organizers hope to attract a large crowd of customers with individual yard sales, local business and other organization participation, and one giant sale to be held at the Church of the Good Shepherd grounds, 357 Main Street in North Fairhaven. Space rent in the churchyard for out-of-towners, crafters and residents from other areas of the town is $15 and the church is also selling lunch. Local businesses are encouraged to join in by offering special sales on that day.

To get your yard sale location listed in the "Yard Sale Map," please call Chris Richard at the Fairhaven Office of Tourism at 508-979-4085 by May 10. For rental spaces or other information, please call 508-993-3730 or 508-991-8596.

Acushnet Historical Society

The monthly meeting of the Acushnet Historical Society will be held on Thursday, April 19 at 7:00 pm at the Long Plain Museum in Acushnet. Following the regular business meeting, the evening's program will be presented by George and Barbara Mendonca of the Indian Mountain Healing Center in New Bedford who will speak on Holistic modalities, Reiki, hypnotherapy, and relaxation.

Parking and entrance to the meeting area are at the rear of the building. Admission is FREE and members and the general public are invited to attend. For more information, please call Linda Guilbeault at 508-763-9579.

Mattapoisett Congregational Church

Holy Week

A Maundy Thursday service of Tenebrae will be held on Thursday, April 12 at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church.

Easter Sunday

A Sunrise Service at Shipyard Park in Mattapoisett will be held at 7:15 am. Easter breakfast of sausages, pancakes, juice and coffee in the parish hall from 7:30 to 8:30 am. Easter Sunday services will be held from 8:30 to 10:00 am and will feature the church choir plus soloist and instrumental music. The community is cordially invited to join in.

Alewives Chowder Supper

Alewives Anonymous, Inc. will host its annual meeting and quahog chowder supper for members and guests and others interested in the world of alewives (herring) on Sunday, April 29 at 5:00 pm in the Rochester Grange Hall, 205 Hartley Road in Rochester. Reservations are required, so please make your reservations with Arthur F. Benner, 319 Cushman Road, Rochester, MA 02770, telephone 508-763-2024. The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, April 25, 2001. There is no charge for the supper upon payment of annual dues ($10), otherwise the charge is $3 per person. New members are always welcome.

Alewives Anonymous, Inc. is a non-profit organization with the goals of maintaining the local rivers and streams for the annual migration of the alewives (herring) population to their spawning areas including Snipatuit Pond and Leonards Pond in Rochester, monitoring the population using electronic fish-counting equipment and other efforts and projects to enhance their numbers and improve their environment.

Marion Natural History Museum

After School Programs

The Marion Natural History Museum has scheduled several Winter/Spring 2001 After School Programs, including:

• Celebrate School Vacation with "The Deal With Seals" - Wednesday, April 18 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm with Bob Rocha of the Coalition for Buzzards Bay (CBB). The program will offer a look at the biology and life history of local seals, which promises to be an entertaining "hands on" program. Cost is $5 for non-member, $4 for members.

• Spring Has Sprung - Wednesday, April 25 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm: It's been a long winter ... so join this group as the hit the woods to investigate signs of spring with Mike Labossiere (avid birder), Steve Gonsalves (plant expert), and Elizabeth Leidhold (wetlands and museum director). They'll be looking for emergent plant life, salamanders, and birds during a walk through Holmes Brook woods. This is a walking field trip, so please dress accordingly. Cost is $4 for member, $5 for non-members.

• Saltmarsh Walk - Friday, June 1 at 3:30 pm: Fred Hutchings, Sippican School teacher and museum president, will lead this annual favorite. They will be looking at the plants and annuals that inhabit this fragile environment. *(Note: This program requires a permission slip.)*

• Skin and Scales - Wednesday, June 6 at 3:30 pm: Leo Spinner will be bringing in his amazing reptiles! A Burmese Python shed his skin during the program last year! Come see what will happen this year.

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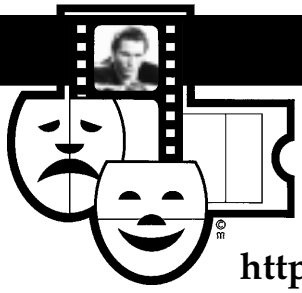
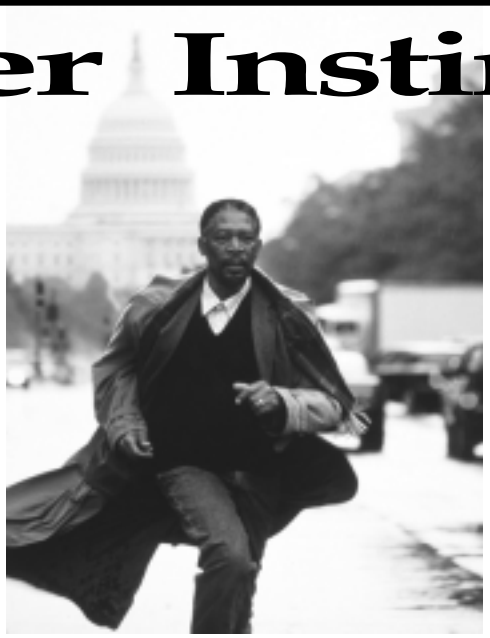


MOVIE REVIEW

Killer Instinct

By Rob Gonsalves
http://robsreviews.cjb.net



***Along Came a Spider.* Starring Morgan Freeman and Monica Potter. Directed by Lee Tamahori. Running time: 104 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At Cinema 12 at the North Dartmouth Mall and Flagship Cinemas in New Bedford.**

Great filmmaking is sometimes found in the unlikeliest places. I would like to refer you to the first five minutes of the otherwise dull-as-dishwater *Along Came a Spider,* five minutes that play like a brilliant short film. True, this prelude (which has little to do with the rest of the film) derives from a time-tested cliché — a cop's traumatic loss of his partner, setting him up to be hesitantly pulled back into action later — but we have to recognize skill where we find it, especially in this dead and dreary movie season.

The cop in question is forensic psychologist Dr. Alex Cross (Morgan Freeman), who's trying to nab a serial killer; his partner (Jill Teed, who makes the most of her few minutes) is a decoy in Cross's sting operation, riding in a car with the suspect. The plan goes spectacularly bad, and director Lee Tamahori stages everything — the dread that develops when the partner's cover is blown; the resulting unplanned bit of violence leading to a cataclysmic accident — with a sadist's eye for detail. I am something of a connoisseur of scenes featuring characters who realize they're about to die — it's a test of any actor (will they overplay it? underplay?) — and Jill Teed does it as well as I've seen it done. The set-up, the violent climax, the bleak ending — this prelude is almost a terrific *noir* film in miniature.

I've gone on so long about the opening of *Along Came a Spider* because the remainder of the film offers little to talk about. Even if I were inclined to deal with the plot at length, this is one of *those* thrillers — the kind that you can't review without contorting yourself into pretzels to avoid spoiling the "surprises." After eight months of mourning his partner, Cross is drawn back into the game when a remote evil genius (Michael Wincott) kidnaps a senator's little daughter. Joining Cross on the case is Secret Service Agent Jezzie Flannigan (Monica Potter), who had been assigned to protect the girl and now feels bad about it. Many cat-and-mouse games follow, accompanied by many scenes of the usually fun-to-watch Michael Wincott growling into a phone being all diabolical and ingenious. Is there some school where movie evil geniuses learn all their neat tricks?

Name three other movie series wherein a 63-year-old African-American gets to play a recurring hero. There *are* no others; Morgan Freeman has the only one — Alex Cross previously headlined 1997's *Kiss the Girls,* based, like the present film, on a novel by James Patterson. I don't begrudge Freeman his own hero-man franchise — hey, bring on the Alex Cross action figure if you want to — but I do wish the movies worked harder to be worthy of their central star. Freeman, a co-producer on *Along Came a Spider,* looks mildly bored in it; he scarcely smiles (hell, even the grim-as-a-rainy-funeral *Seven* gave him a fine hearty laughing scene). Maybe he's as uninspired by his co-star Monica Potter, with whom he trades most of his lines, as I was; Potter, very obviously being groomed as Julia Roberts Jr., is almost perfectly bland until her final scenes, when she tries too late to be interesting.

Remember a paragraph ago, when I said "Many cat-and-mouse games follow"? There's your review; that's *Along Came a Spider* in a nutshell. My code of honor as a reviewer prevents me from spoiling the plot twists that aren't worth preserving in the first place (and the plot, mulled over afterwards, makes absolutely no sense whatsoever). Oh, well. At least we have those first five minutes, encouraging evidence that the director, Lee Tamahori, isn't completely dead yet. Tamahori had, with 1994's *Once Were Warriors,* one of the strongest and most original debuts in recent memory; his films thereafter (*Mulholland Falls, The Edge,* and the final 99 minutes of this film) have *eluded* recent memory. Tamahori's handling of violence, though, is as vital and painful as ever. What he needs, like all directors, is a script that actually means something.

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Along Came A Spider (R) – 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Blow (R) – 1:05, 3:55, 7:00, 9:30
Pollock (R) – 1:15, 4:00, 6:55, 9:25
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Bridget Jones' Diary (R) – 12:50, 2:55, 4:55, 7:00, 9:10
Joe Dirt (PG-13) – 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:20, 9:20
Josie and the Pussycats (PG-13) – 1:05, 3:10, 5:15, 7:25, 9:35
Kingdom Come (PG) – 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:55
Pokemon 3 (G) – 1:05, 3:05, 5:05, 7:15
Along Came A Spider (R) – 1:15, 4:15, 7:05, 9:40
Just Visiting (PG-13) – 3:05, 5:00, 7:30
Tomcats (R) – 1:50, 4:10, 7:25, 9:15
Someone Like You (PG-13) – 12:55, 3:00, 5:05, 7:15, 9:25
Spy Kids (PG) – 1:25, 3:20, 5:10, 7:10, 9:20
Brothers (R) – 1:00, 9:50
Heartbreakers (PG-13) – 1:30, 4:05, 6:50, 9:45
Exit Wounds (R) – 1:00, 3:10, 5:10, 7:30, 9:30
Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon (PG-13) – 9:25

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Friday (April 13) - Wednesday (April 18)
Pokemon 3 (G) – 1:00, 3:00, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10
Blow (R) – 1:20, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20
Exit Wounds (R) – 1:40, 4:30, 6:40, 8:50
Someone Like You (PG-13) – 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:00
Heartbreakers (PG-13) – 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00
Along Came A Spider (R) – 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
Josie and the Pussycats (PG-13) – 1:30, 4:00, 6:50, 9:20
Tomcats (R) – 6:40, 8:40
Enemy at the Gates (R) – 1:10, 3:50, 6:30, 9:10
Spy Kids (PG) – 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:20, 9:30
Just Visiting (PG-13) – 1:50, 4:10
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Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Marion Natural History Museum will be held on May 17 at 7:30 pm in the Marion Music Hall. The speaker will be Wayne Petersen of the Audobon Society. The topic will be "Changes in Massachusetts Bird Populations: A Historical Perspective." Suggested donation is $2 per person.

ORR Parent Group

The next Old Rochester Regional High School Parent Association/Support Group meeting will be held on Thursday, April 12 beginning at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria of Old Rochester Regional High School. A brief business meeting will precede the evening's guest speaker. Ms. Elizabeth Leatham, ORR School Career Liaison, will conduct a presentation on the internship program at the high school.

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INNER VIEWS

Out of Bounds

By Kenneth J. Souza
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In the aftermath of a decidedly higher profile and well-fought political race in the Town of Mattapoisett last week, I think kudos are in order to both re-elected incumbent Barry J. Denham and first-time contender Daniel Goodman for waging what I considered to be a vibrant and equitable race for the three-year Selectman's seat. Both candidates did a fine job in avoiding the easy mudslinging tactics which are far-too-common these days and presented themselves in a professional and courteous manner — especially during the April 1 Candidates' Night sponsored by the Mattapoisett Lions Club.

In fact, that well-publicized and balanced forum would have been — indeed *should have been* — the final word on the April 3 Mattapoisett Town Election. But much to my surprise and dismay, sitting Mattapoisett Selectman Ray Andrews took it upon himself to devote ample time during an otherwise light agenda posted for the regular Selectmen's Meeting on Monday, April 2 — the eve of the election — to "clarify some inaccuracies that are circulating around town." These so-called "inaccuracies" were to be found in prepared political ads run by Selectman candidate Daniel Goodman in local newspapers, including *The Wanderer.*

Anyone who heard or read Mr. Andrews' two-page prepared statement — which was televised *live* via government access to all Mattapoisett cable subscribers, effectively undermining a broadcast of the previous evening's taped Candidates' Night to follow — would have to seriously consider whether such a veiled endorsement for the existing three-member Board of Selectmen (candidate for re-election Barry J. Denham, inclusive) wasn't a serious conflict of interest ... or, at the very least, a matter of questionable ethics.

Were there, in fact, egregious errors or bits of misinformation disseminated in Mr. Goodman's weekly political advertisements — and there may very well have been based on Mr. Andrews' meticulous fact-finding — the proper time to address these issues would have been weeks prior (when Mr. Goodman's ads first appeared) and the proper forum would have been via a detailed article or "Letter to the Editor" in one of the local newspapers (which also ran the ads in question). It's been a long-standing practice in most newspapers to welcome and encourage such "clarifications and corrections" ... and it would have been directed at the key target audience who saw the ads in the first place.

For this very reason, we at *The Wanderer* have adhered to a strict policy since our inception to not publish direct political endorsements or candidates' statements prior to an election. Candidates are even required to prepare their own camera-ready paid advertisements so as to avoid even the slightest hint of nepotism or favoritism. To that end, both Mr. Denham and Mr. Goodman were very good at getting their platforms across through effective advertisements in our newspaper and others.

Despite my best efforts to explain away Selectman Andrews' eleventh-hour grandstanding as a simple error in judgment, his choice of timing and forum — a "captive" public meeting the very night before the election during which Mr. Goodman did not attend nor was apparently made aware that his ads were to be discussed (the posted meeting agenda simply read "**Selectman Andrews**" under Discussion Items, with no further details) — smacks of something akin to a drive-by shooting in which the assailant has ample ammunition and the victim is caught unawares with not so much as a word of warning.

And I have to wonder why these clarifications wouldn't have been just as pertinent days or weeks *before* the election ... or even immediately thereafter. Probably a better-suited (and better-attended) public opportunity to clear the air would have been this past week's Special Town Meeting. But that would have been *after* the election, mind you.

The laws governing elections and political activity — deliberate or unintentional — remain vague in some respects. But **Chapter 56, Section 36** of **Massachusetts General Laws (MGL)** clearly states: ***No person in the service of the commonwealth or of any county, city or town shall use his official authority to influence or coerce the political action of any person or body, or to interfere with any election.***

Under the **Massachusetts State Ethics Commission Advisory No. 4,** which governs the political activity of public officials, there are several dictates of interest, including a part in Section I: ***The Commission has consistently ruled that the use of public resources ... for the purpose of conducting or supporting a political campaign amounts to the use of one's official position to secure an unwarranted privilege for oneself or another. These are intended for the conduct of public business, not for advancing the personal, private or political interests of public employees.***

Under Section II of the same advisory, it states: ***Public employees may not engage in political activities during their normal working hours. While employed by the taxpayers, they are to be doing the taxpayers' work, and not politicking for themselves or individual candidates.***

The way I see it: Selectman Andrews made a not-too-subtle attempt to discredit Mr. Goodman's campaign ads — thereby supporting Selectman Denham — and he did so during "normal working hours" in his official capacity as an elected official during a public meeting using "public resources." Given my failure to pass (or even attempt) the bar exam, that's not a legal opinion ... just a personal one.

Even a week later, the situation still remains unsettling to me. It ranks as the most blatant example of someone overstepping their bounds as an elected official in a transparent attempt to smear another candidate. Legal, ethical, or not ... it was just plain *wrong* and sadly ill-advised.

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Local Police Logs

■ MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of April 1 through April 7, 2001:

• Front Street – officer wanted
• County Road – animal complaint
• Pitcher Street – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
• River Road – suspicious person
• Rezendes Terrace – juvenile offense
• Washburn Lane – motor vehicle complaint
• Gifford's Crossing Road – animal complaint
• Mill Street – officer wanted
• Olde Meadow Road – animal complaint
• Front Street – noise complaint
• Stone Rooster – disorderly person
• Wareham Road – larceny/past
• Dexter Road – trespassing
• Wareham Road – motor vehicle theft/past/adult arrest (larceny of motor vehicle)
• Cottage Lane – parking violation
• Spring Street – officer wanted
• Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Converse Road – animal complaint
• Front Street – animal complaint
• Front Street – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
• Jenney Lane – officer wanted
• Allen Street – vandalism/past
• Main Street – parking violation
• Pleasant Street – parking violation.

■ MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of April 1 through April 7, 2001:

• Reservation Road – illegal shellfishing
• Holly Woods Drive – trash dumping
• Pico Beach Road – washed out roadway
• Ocean Drive – past vandalism
• North Street – blocked catch basin
• Old Road to Pine Island – possible liquor violation
• County Road – motor vehicle accident
• Church Street – water damage to road
• Fairhaven Road – depression in sidewalk
• Route 195 West – adult arrest (warrant)
• Fairhaven Road – transporting female to station
• West Hill Road – suspicious activity
• Ridgewood Road – vandalism/ property damage
• Marion Road – stolen car key reported
• County Road – harassing phone calls
• Silver Shell Avenue – parking complaint
• North Street – animal complaint
• Ash Terrace – fox walking around fence
• Marion Road – attempting to serve order
• Route 195 West – motor vehicle violation
• County Road – stolen motor vehicle heading to Marion
• Barstow Street – illegal trash dumping
• Heritage Lane – report of loose dog
• Church Street – animal officer requested
• Homestead Court – past vandalism
• Pearl Street – ambulance requested
• County Road – shot gun signed out
• Park Street – loose dog in back yard
• County Road – party in station for wallet
• North Street – past motor vehicle accident
• North Street – female under arrest (operating under the influence)
• County Road – adult protective custody
• Captains Lane – intoxicated person walking on Route 6
• Euclid Avenue – dead fox in yard
• Prospect Drive – vehicle with expired registration
• North Street – hazard in road by Rochester line
• County Road – kids playing in road
• Oak Road – chimney fire
• County Road – stolen property
• County Road – motor vehicle violations/criminal application
• Fairhaven Road – mutual aid (Fairhaven Police Department).

■ ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of April 2 through April 9, 2001:

• Mendell Road – road hazard
• Mary's Pond Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Mary's Pond Road – domestic disturbance
• Adrian's Package Store – assist Department of Social Services
• Mendell Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Mendell Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• North Avenue – suspicious activity
• Robinson Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Robinson Road – adult arrest (domestic abuse)
• Vaughan Hill Road – bus evacuation
• Old Colony Regional Voke – officer wanted
• Snipatuit Pond – searching for missing man
• Cushman Road – suspicious activity
• Stuart Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Haskell Ridge Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Featherbed Lane – officer wanted
• R.F. Morse – suspicious person
• Walnut Plain Road – officer wanted
• Cushman Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Walnut Plain Road – speeding complaint
• Tabor Lane – suspicious activity
• Mary's Pond Road – adult arrest (domestic disturbance).

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Local Film on PBS

Local filmmaker Brent Lestage's short film *Race* will air on WGBH Channel 2 Boston on Thursday, April 19 at 11:30 pm as part of PBS' special presentation of Steven Spielberg's *Schindler's List* on Holocaust Remembrance Day. Holocaust Remembrance Day is a day that has been set aside for remembering the victims of the Holocaust and for reminding Americans of what can happen to civilized people when bigotry, hatred, and indifference reign. *Race* will be shown immediately following *Schindler's List* and will include a behind-the-scenes interview with the Mattapoisett director.

Race, completed in 1997, was photographed mostly at area locations in Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Freetown, Rochester and Dartmouth. It tells the fictional story of one man's lifelong struggle to overcome survivor

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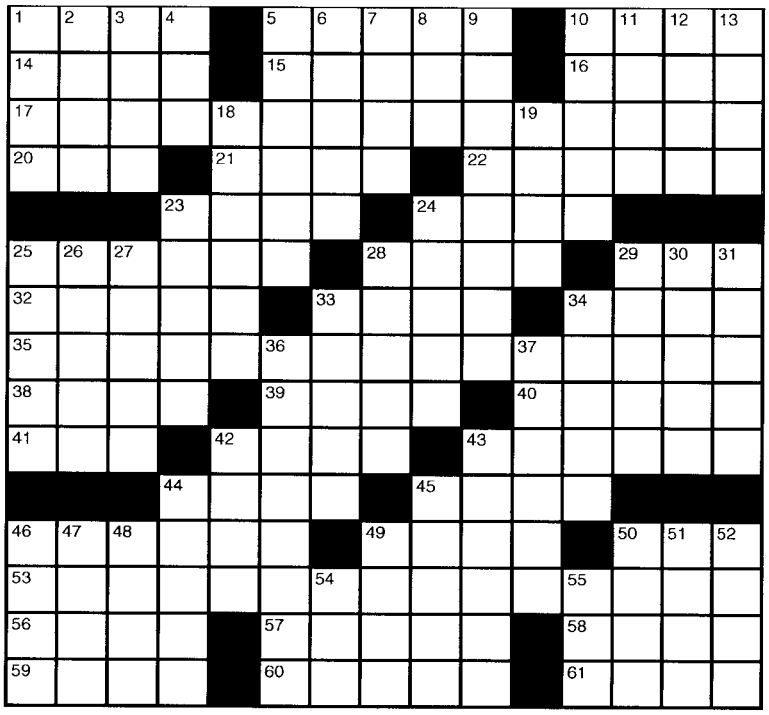

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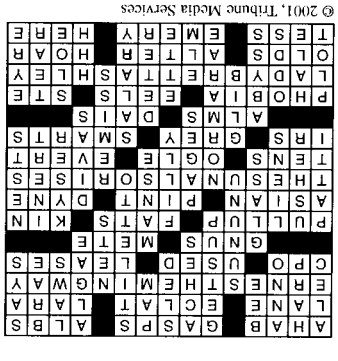

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This Week's Horoscope

by Lasha Seniuk

Aries (March 21-April 20). Unusual work proposals are accented. Watch for officials to introduce risky concepts or new group responsibilities.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Social routines are unpredictable. Expect friends and loved ones to reveal fast revisions, late plans or unexpected invitations.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Social obligations and new romantic partnerships may become demanding.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Past romantic proposals or outdated friendships may return.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Key officials or long-term friends may provide valuable insights, permissions or opportunities.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Previously dismissed career ambitions may return. Watch past work relationships for valuable clues.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Recently revised partnerships or assignments will produce results. Many Librans may be surprised to learn that past stress works strongly in their favor.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Unique partnerships and revised career aspirations will have a strong affect. Listen carefully to your inner impressions and hunches.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Financial and home decisions require active attention. Watch for loved ones to propose new money projects, lifestyles or shared resources.

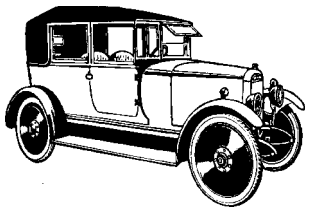
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Listen carefully to lovers and close friends. Unique social ideas or outside romantic flirtations will soon affect long-term relationships.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Friends and close relatives may be dedicated to their own emotional needs. Expect others to be confident, outspoken and self-involved.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Romantic, social and family discussions will be passionate. Expect loved ones to publicly defend their ideas, decisions or suggestions.

If Your Birthday is This Week ... Expect romance to become progressively more complicated. Many Aries natives will experience rapidly increasing social and romantic options.

For a private consultation, please visit www.mysticstars.net.



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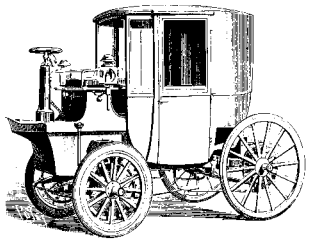

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guilt following the tragic loss of his family in the Holocaust.

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"It focuses on one innocent victim of the Holocaust and asks: 'How could a survivor of such horrors choose to continue to live, love and have faith in people after witnessing such inhumanity?' So much can be learned from the survivors of the Holocaust — so much must never be forgotten."

The twenty-minute 16mm film features outstanding debut performances from local actors including Jay Catelli of Dartmouth, David Jenney of Mattapoisett, and Scott Brooks and Ken Vincent, also of Dartmouth. The film took first-place honors at the 1997 Judah H. Magnes Museum's Jewish Film/Video Festival in Berkley, CA and has had screenings nationwide. Locally, *Race* has also been shown in area high schools to supplement their respective Hate Awareness and Religious/Social Tolerance Programs.

Mr. Lestage, a New Bedford native and Mattapoisett resident, works professionally in film and television production. *Race* was the first of several films he has planned to shoot within the SouthCoast area. He is currently in pre-production with his first feature film,

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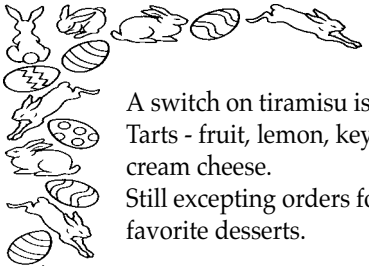

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The Town of Mattapoisett is seeking qualified applicants to fill the position of Town Clerk. This position will be appointed by the Board of Selectmen until April, 2002 Town Election. At that time, the appointed Town Clerk must run for election.

Qualifications include a Bachelor's degree, or equivalent combination of education and experience; must possess budgeting knowledge, management leadership, communication and interpersonal relationship skills and computer literacy. A job description is available by contacting the Selectmen's Office.

Applications will be accepted until 3:00pm, Wednesday, May 2, 2001. Please send resumes to Carol J. Adams, Executive Secretary, Town Hall, 16 Main Street, P.O. Box 435, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The Town of Mattapoisett is an equal opportunity employer.

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The Selectmen reserve the right to reject any and all bids or accept the bid determined to be in the best interest of the Town.

Albert E. Winters, Chairman
Marion Board of Selectmen 4/19, 4/26

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing will be held upon the petition of ComElectric for the location of (2) proposed pole locations on Crystal Springs Road, Mattapoisett. These proposed locations are required to accommodate a new cell tower. Hearing will be held in the first floor Conference Room of the Mattapoisett Town Hall on Monday, April 23, 2001 at 7:00pm.

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service, breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 9:00 am and include a variety of entrees. Donation for the breakfast is $3.50 for adults and $2.50 for children and just $10 for families.

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Marion Warrant Afternoon

Marion Town Administrator Julia Enroth-Whitlock will lead a discussion of the articles on the Marion Town Meeting Warrant on Tuesday, April 17 at 2:00 pm. All Marion voters and residents are urged to come and ask questions about the articles on the Annual Town Meeting warrant. The meeting will take place in the cafeteria of Sippican School on Spring Street. The meeting is sponsored by the Marion/Mattapoisett/Rochester League of Women Voters.

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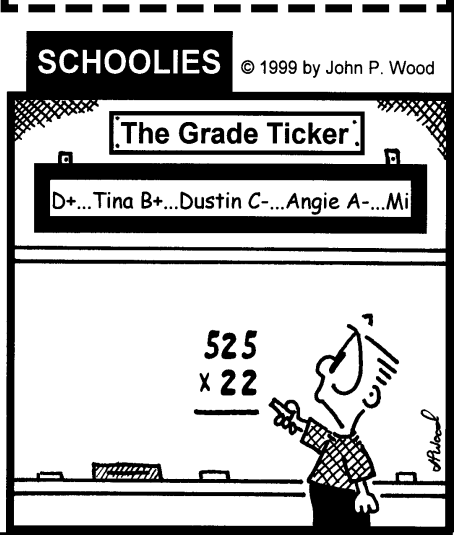

Lynne M. Foley, property manager of Fisher & Rocha, Inc., announced the election of officers for The Nasketucket Townhouse Condominium Trust of Fairhaven. At the annual meeting held at The Millicent Library in Fairhaven on April 2, the following officers were elected: Chairman Michael Dow; Treasurer Robert Stoughton; Secretary Sandra Robinson; Trustee Richard Costa; and Trustee Jane Flynn.

Cushing Cemetery Meeting

The Cushing Cemetery Corporation Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18 at 7:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street in Mattapoisett.

Poverty Point Tour

Poverty Point, the oldest village settlement in Fairhaven, is the scene of this spring's first Office of Tourism walking tour, scheduled for Saturday, April 21 at 2:00 pm. The tour begins at the Old Stone Schoolhouse on the corner of North Street and Castle Avenue. The guide for the tour will be Tourism Committee member Natalie S. Hemingway.

Originally known as Oxford Village, the Poverty Point area still has more than a dozen homes dating back to the 1700s. Many stories of the neighborhood's rich history will be told during the tour, including tales of Captain William Whitfield and Manjiro Nakahama, *Mayflower* Pilgrim John Cooke, artist Charles H. Gifford, Joseph Bates Jr., who co-founded the Seventh Day Adventists, and Joshua Slocum, the first man to sail around the world alone.

At the start of the tour, the public will get an opportunity to see the interior of the Old Stone Schoolhouse, which was the first district school in Fairhaven, built in 1828. The walking tour lasts about an hour and a half. There is no charge.

To get to the Old Stone Schoolhouse, traveling north on Main Street, from Route 6, turn right at North Street and proceed one block.

Marion Candidates Night

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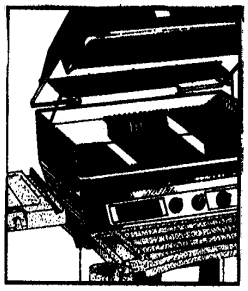

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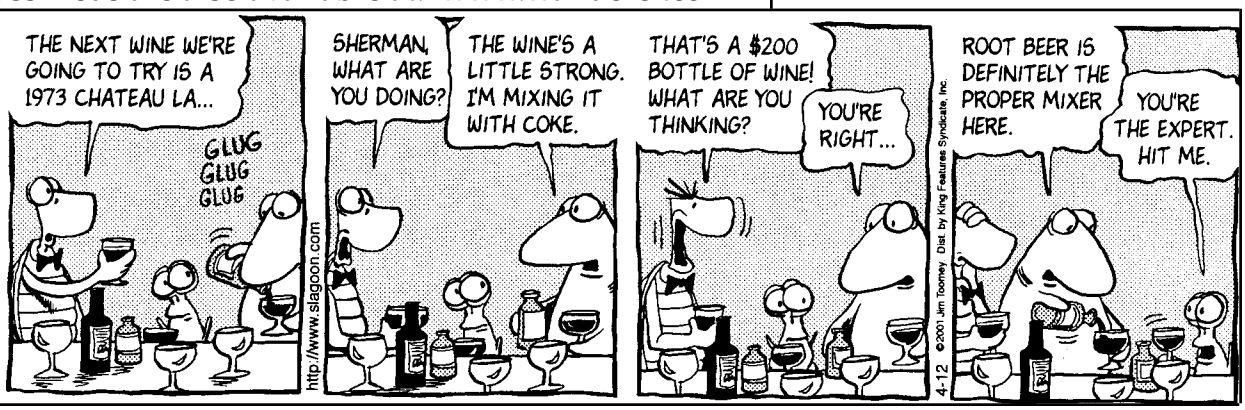

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The positions to be filled and the candidates running are as follows — Selectman (one seat): Sherman E. Briggs and Ben Bryant; Planning Board (two seats): Robert F. Bennett (incumbent), David Hirschberg, and Peter Winters; Open Space Acquisition Committee (two seats): William J. Brennen, Paul MacEachern, John Rockwell, and Debra Teixeira; Old Rochester Regional High School Committee (one seat): Andrew N. Jeffrey and Ronald Herington.

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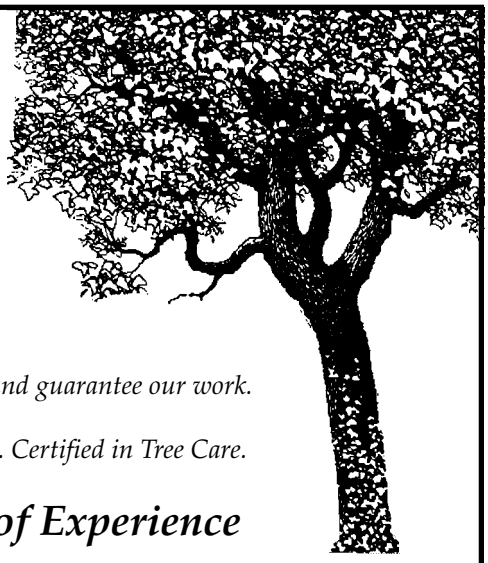

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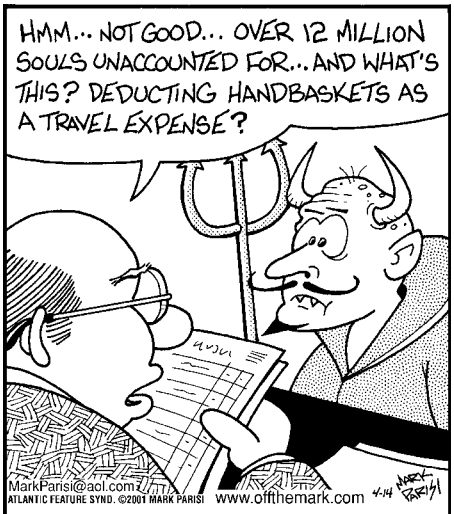

SATAN GETS AUDITED

on Saturday, April 14 in the Fairhaven Town Hall Ballroom from 8:00 to 11:00 pm. Admission is $7 per person and door prizes and free refreshments will be available. DJs will be Joe and Andy Perrone. For more information, please call Joe at 508-994-2214.

Rochester Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help update Rochester's Open Space and Recreation Plan prepared in 1996. The purpose of the Open Space Plan is to help provide a landscape guide for Rochester into the future. The committee will visit and inventory all town-owned properties and identify additional unique resources and features that need to be protected. This will be the fourth Open Space Plan for the town and will bridge over twenty-five years of planning, protecting and building. It is expected that the committee will meet once or twice a month for approximately one year in order to update the plan. Interested parties should submit a letter of interest to the Rochester Board of Selectmen, Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770. Please feel free to contact Laurell J. Farinon, Conservation Agent, at 508-763-3871 with any questions.

Blessing of the Bikes

The Third Annual "Blessing of the Bikes" will be held on Sunday, April 22 at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven. Participants will depart at 12:00 noon for St. Joseph's Church, where the blessing will take place. A two-hour ride along area back roads will end at The Highlander in Acushnet. The cost for participants is $10 per bike, with proceeds to benefit Saint Joseph School in Fairhaven. Coffee and donuts will be available at the fort and food will be available at The Highlander. For more information, please call Raymond or Richard Canastra at 508-990-0799.

Mattapoisett Lions Schedule

Notice to area residents regarding the 2000-2001 Mattapoisett Lions Club Events schedule: The dates for the annual Triathalon, Band Concert, and Harbor Days Festival have been incorrectly listed on the published flyer. The Triathalon will be held on July **15** from 8:00 to 9:30 am; the Band Concert/Strawberry Festival will be held on July **18** from 7:30 to 9:00 pm; and the Annual Harbor Days 2001 Festival will take place on July **20**, **21** and **22**. Please make sure to mark your schedule/calendar accordingly.

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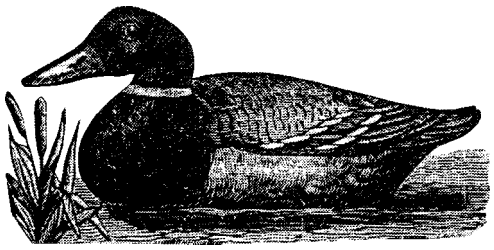

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April 13:	Fri.	12:27	12:54	5:54	5:46
April 14:	Sat.	1:18	1:46	6:44	6:36
April 15:	Sun.	2:12	2:41	7:53	7:44
April 16:	Mon.	3:11	3:40	9:23	9:17
April 17	Tues.	4:14	4:41	10:24	10:36
April 18:	Wed.	5:14	5:35	11:07	11:29
April 19:	Thurs.	6:03	6:20	11:45	. . .
April 20:	Fri.	6:45	6:59	12:13	12:21
April 21:	Sat.	7:22	7:36	12:55	12:57
April 22:	Sun.	7:59	8:12	1:35	1:32
April 23:	Mon.	8:37	8:49	2:14	2:08
April 24	Tues.	9:17	9:28	2:53	2:44
April 25:	Wed.	10:00	10:12	3:31	3:21
April 26:	Thurs.	10:46	10:59	4:10	4:00
April 27:	Fri.	11:37	11:52	4:52	4:43
April 28:	Sat.	. . .	12:31	5:38	5:31
April 29:	Sun.	12:48	1:28	6:36	6:29

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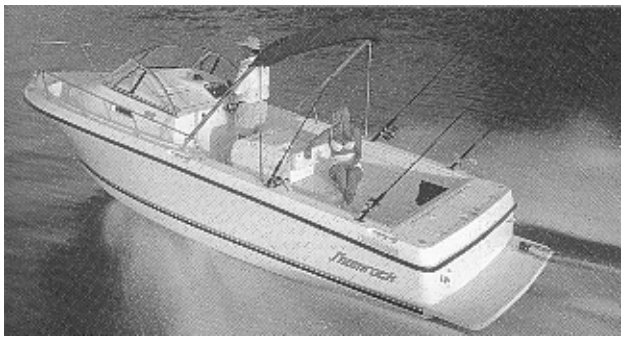

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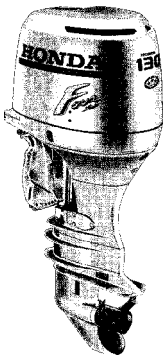

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